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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**In re Application of:
Peter Barnes Moyes**

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**For: APPARATUS AND
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows. Although Applicant believes that no additional fees are due in connection with this amendment, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/MRKS/0045.C1/WBP for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this amendment timely and acceptable to the Office.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.
Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 7. **Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 10. **Remarks** begin on page 11.